



Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter



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Walnut Ridge Community Association

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A Word From The President

Greetings from your Board of Directors! Wednesday, the 20th of March marks the first day of Spring. In spite of the relatively mild winter weather, the changes that Spring reveals with renewed growth and an array of color will certainly be welcomed with great anticipation. I would like to speak for the Board as a whole and acknowledge what a pleasure it has been over the past year to represent and oversee the day-to-day operations of Walnut Ridge. We have recently hired a new maintenance contractor and are looking forward to grounds enhancements as well as grass cutting at regular intervals throughout our community. We welcome any suggestions or input regarding tasks performed or specific site improvements. Please contact us through the WRCA website or our management company (D.H.Bader – John Sheehy).

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Springtime at the Walnut Ridge Playground

SPRING WALK-THROUGH
Exterior home inspections will begin soon.
Is your home ready? See page 5.

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The Board welcomes you to enjoy this community newsletter, brought to you by a very small group of devoted volunteers. For most, information contained within serves as a friendly reminder of responsibilities of residency in Walnut Ridge. For those that are not familiar with the publication, we ask that you take the brief amount of time required to review it and avail yourselves of the useful “go to” information and occasional entertaining articles and pictures included within its pages.

The Board wishes to thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in continuing to help make our community of Walnut Ridge one of the more attractive and pleasant places to live in the surrounding area!

Kindergarten Registration Starts April 9th

Kindergarten registration for Anne Arundel County Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year will be held in elementary schools on April 9th. Children who live in Maryland and are five-years-old by or on



September 1st, are required to attend kindergarten and must register at their home school. The home school for our community is Cape St. Claire Elementary School (direct phone number 410-222-1685.) Check the AACPS website www.aacps.org for more information as to what documents you must bring with you for registration. You may also contact Trish Saynuk, Coordinator, Early Childhood Education and School Readiness, at 410-222-5441.

WIPERS ON—LIGHTS ON

Maryland law **requires** drivers to turn on headlights whenever windshield wipers are in use. **(MD Code, Transportation, § 22-201.2)**

TRASH DISPOSAL IN COMMON AREAS

It has been observed recently that unwanted electronics, have been left in our common areas. Our common areas are NOT the place to dispose of ANY unwanted items. If you have any old, non-working electronics to be disposed of, such as televisions, computers, computer monitors, we have been advised by Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works, that as long as the item can be lifted by two persons, it can be placed out with your trash. See also Recycling Electronics on Page 8.

News from the Board of Directors

- > At its last meeting, the Board reviewed 5 proposals for landscaping for the 2013-2014 season. Atlantic Maintenance Group (AMG) Landscape Division was chosen to provide landscaping services to our community’s common areas.
- > At the Annual Meeting of the Association on February 6th held at Broadneck High School, Ed Rose, Laura Richardson, James Clemenko, Michelle Henderson, Ziggi Nickel and Gloria Petit Clair were elected to the Board of Directors.
- > The community’s storm drains have been cleaned out as requested by the Board.
- > The Board arranged for two sand barrels to be placed on the hill coming into the community to be used in the event of snow.

Spring Trivia

What is the origin of the phrase “cool as a cucumber?”
See Page 7 for the answer.

Household Hazardous Waste

Upcoming Drop-Off Days and Locations

4/13/13 – Millersville Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility, 389 Burns Crossing Road, Severn

5/11/13 – Southern Recycling Center, 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road, Deale

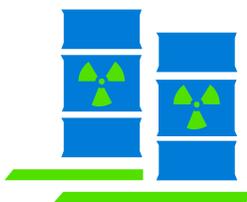
6/22/13 – Northern Recycling Center, 100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie

7/27/13 - Millersville Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility, 389 Burns Crossing Road, Severn

9/14/13 - Southern Recycling Center, 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road, Deale

10/12/13 - Northern Recycling Center, 100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie

Drop-off hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Note that this is for household hazardous waste only (no commercial waste is accepted). For questions or comments, call 410-222-7951.



The below items should never be disposed of with your trash, but rather taken to one of Anne Arundel County's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off locations for safe disposal:

- Oil-based paints
- Staining agents
- Paint solvents
- Pesticides
- Household and automotive cleaners
- Oil and antifreeze contaminated with water or other products
- Pool chemicals
- Gasoline
- Kerosene and other fuels
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Fluorescent light tubes/bulbs
- Mercury vapor lamps
- Asbestos (small quantities accepted, limit 4 bags per resident and cannot be over 40 lbs. Must be wetted and double bagged).

*Special Note: The Home Depot and Lowe's now accept compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) for recycling. They do not accept **broken** CFL bulbs or fluorescent tubes. Alkaline batteries (A, C, D) may be disposed of with household trash.

Energy Tip!

Sleek new flat-panel TVs can consume almost as much electricity as a refrigerator. In general, the bigger the screen, the more power it draws, and HD pulls more, too. Plasma screens use the most energy, while LCD TVs use much less. And remember to change your new TV's default settings to a power saver mode, and turn down the LCD backlight to save energy without sacrificing picture quality.

Source: Cooperative Research Network



Happy Spring!



**Upcoming Spring Dates
to Remember**

March 31st—Easter
 April 1st—April Fool's Day
 April 22nd —Earth Day
 May 12th—Mother's Day
 May 27th —Memorial Day
 June 14th—Flag Day
 June 16th—Father's Day
 June 21st—First Day of Summer

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Happenings at Broadneck Library

Family Game Night!

A Family Game Night is planned at the Broadneck Library, Monday, May 20 at 6:30 pm. Join your friends and neighbors for a fun night of card and board games! Bring a favorite game or use one of the Library's games.



AARP Helps Seniors and Low-Income Residents with Filing Income Tax Returns

Where: Broadneck Library

When: Tuesdays through April 9 from 1-4 pm

This is a free service which is offered by AARP and provides income tax help to seniors and low-income residents. For more information, call Betty Rogers at 410-757-4412 for an appointment.

For Babies and Preschoolers

Babies in Bloom - Wednesdays, April 3 and May 1 at 10:00 a.m. For babies up to 24 months. This event is designed to stimulate early infant learning and offers a fun-filled half-hour of stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays.

Storytime - Wednesdays, April 10 and May 8 at 10:00 a.m. For children two to five. Parents and caregivers must accompany two and three year-olds. Children four years and older may attend alone, providing an adult remains in the branch.

For Teens - "Made of Paper," Thursday, May 9 from 3 to 5:00 p.m. - create picture frames, bowls or jewelry out of recycled magazines.

For more Library events or questions, please call the Broadneck Library at 410-222-1905 or visit <http://www.aacpl.net>

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Walnut Ridge Community Association consists of homeowners who volunteer their time to serve Walnut Ridge.

Contact the Board by email at: board@walnutridgeonline.org

Officers

- President: Ed Rose
- Vice President: Laura Richardson
- Treasurer: Vacant
- Secretary: Vacant

Members at Large

- James Clemenko
- Michelle Henderson
- Ziggi Nickel
- Gloria Petit Clair

Property Management

John Sheehy, Property Manager
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14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210
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301-953-1955 Ext. 11
jsheehy@dhbader.com
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Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule for Memorial Day Weekend



Pick up will be Wednesday, May 29th (not Tuesday, May 28th)

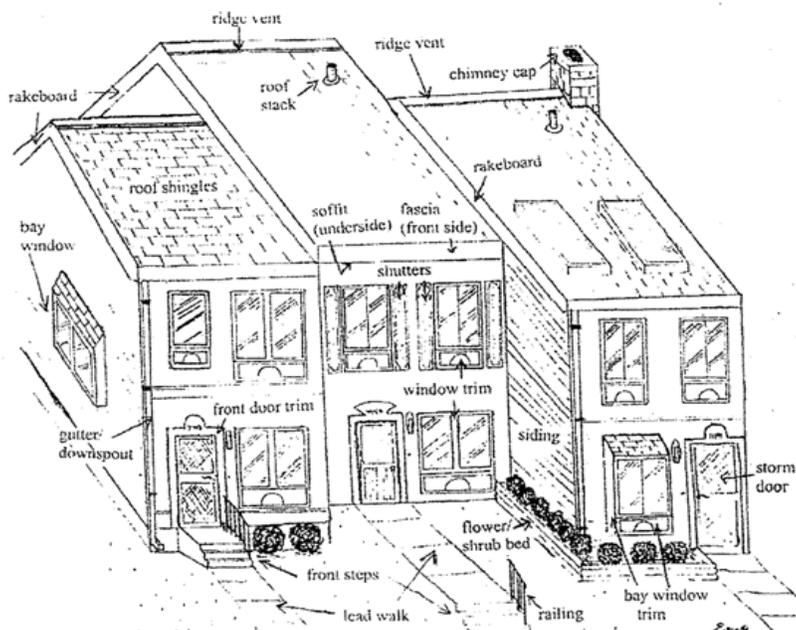
Board of Directors' Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm at the Broadneck High School Conference Room/Admin Office, 1265 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409. **Homeowners** are welcome to attend the public portion of the monthly Board Meetings to share suggestions and concerns. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call D.H. Bader Management (301-953-1955) to verify meeting dates, times and locations.

SPRING WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION REMINDER!

The annual exterior inspection of all homes will begin soon. Each owner should take a close look at their home and yard and clean up or make repairs to these items:

- ❖ Is your house paint peeling? Be sure you also check the trim – on both the front/back and side of your home!
- ❖ Is your fence leaning or are slats missing? Are your gutters/downspouts missing or loose? Do you have any missing or loose siding?
- ❖ Have you made an improvement (deck, fence, storm door, etc.) to your home without obtaining prior approval from the association?
- ❖ Is there an accumulation of items in your front or rear yard or on your deck or patio, such as toys, boxes, bags, etc.?
- ❖ Is there any rotted wood around your windows/doors?
- ❖ Does your sidewalk, front steps or porch need repair?
- ❖ Are your window screens torn or off track? Are your doors in disrepair?



This reminder is to give you an opportunity to correct any problems before the walk through. We appreciate your efforts in maintaining the beauty of your community.

WALNUT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
 c/o D.H. Bader Management Services, Inc.
 14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210
 Laurel, MD 20707

NEW TO WALNUT RIDGE?

HERE'S SOME INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

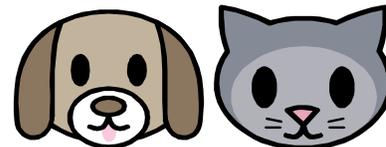
Virtually all exterior changes (different than what currently exists) which affect the **physical appearance** of your home requires approval. An Application for Exterior Alteration, Addition or New Construction form must be completed and submitted to the Board for review and approval **before** your work begins. You can find the Application form at our website: www.walnutridgeonline.org

If you are painting the outside of your home, remember to use the colors as required by the Association's Architectural and Environmental Standards:

- ◆ **Siding:** Olympic #59620A Premium Acrylic Solid Color Latex Stain, "Solid Cedar" color.
- ◆ **Trim:** Bruning #300-29 Exterior Alkyd Primer and painted with Bruning 3315-00 Exterior Semi-Gloss White.

If you have any questions about any exterior requirements, please contact the Association's management company, D.H. Bader Management.

FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS (and their parents)



Walk for the Animals

The 22nd Annual SPCA of Anne Arundel County's Walk for the Animals will be held Sunday, April 7, 2013 at Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis. This is a dog-friendly event and fun for the whole family. If you are interested in participating, contact the Anne Arundel County SPCA at 410-268-4388 or register online at:

<http://www.aacspca.org/walk>

Lost or Found Pets?

View lost pets or report lost or missing pets on the Anne Arundel County Animal Control website at <http://www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl/> Register the ID, Microchip or Tattoo of your pet (Dog, Cat, 'Other') at AKC - <http://www.akccar.org/>.

Anne Arundel County Dog Parks

Broadneck Park

611 Broadneck Road, Arnold
(410-222-7317)

Bell Branch Park

2400 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills
(410-222-7317)

Downs Park (Dog Beach Only)

8311 John Downs Loop, Pasadena
(410-222-6230)

Quiet Waters Park (Dog Park Only)

600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis
(410-222-1777)

Woof! Yap! Ruff! (etc.) Ok, So Let's Face It —

Dogs bark. Barking dogs are inevitable, but when the barking continues on a daily basis, the barking then becomes a **public nuisance**. If your dog is prone to barking, whether he is outside OR inside, please address the problem, investigate why he is barking, talk to your veterinarian if you need to, but please come up with a solution! Whatever may be the cause of your dog's barking, please don't ignore his incessant barking—you, your neighbors and your dog will be much happier!

Are You a Good Pet Parent?

Are You Scooping the Poop?

There are many characteristics that make for good pet parenting: providing love and affection, making sure your pet is fed and has fresh water, getting exercise, and taking your pet to the veterinarian for immunizations and checkups. Another important quality of good pet parenting is making sure the poop is always scooped. Some of our residents are not being good pet parents—they have been observed NOT scooping the poop! Did you know that removal of pet waste from public walks or common areas or even private property is required by Anne Arundel County Law, Article 12 Section 4-909? Did you know that anyone found violating this law may be subject to a fine not less than \$50.00 and up to \$500.00?

Reporting Non-Scooping Offenders -

If you happen to observe anyone not scooping the poop - **REPORT IT!** Provide as much detail as you can, and report it **in writing** to D. H. Bader Management, 14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210, Laurel, Maryland 20707 or by email to jsheehy@dhbader.com. All reports will be kept confidential. For a more forceful response, you may also contact Anne Arundel County Animal Control at 410-222-8900.

A Gentle Reminder—Dogs and cats are **not** permitted to run free within our Community.

Please keep your pet on a leash at all times.



Not only is it safer for your pet to be leashed, but it is safer for all involved. Besides that, **it's the LAW!**

A Word From The Walnut Ridge Wanderer

The Walnut Ridge Wanderer reports on various observations around the community. To preserve anonymity, the identity and gender of the Wanderer will not be revealed. (However, I will say that this Editor is not the Wanderer.)

“Weather, Whether.....Whatever!”

As I wander and ponder the weather dilemma.....

“Whether to clean up the yard and get ready to plant seeds.” Nope. Bad weather!

“Whether to clean up the basement today.” Nope. Good weather outside.

“Whether to put away the snow shovel and ice scraper. Nope still cold

Wakening plant shoots breaking through dirt and waving in the wind. Frost on the car windows. Wee tiny buds on the trees. St. Patrick’s Day door decorations on front doors and a shovel nearby.

What? A snow shovel????? Yes, whether or not we want to think about it, it could still snow once more. Wise women walk out with warm coat, hat, gloves, scarf.....wishing they won’t need them, but knowing they’re ready whether the weather is cool or warm.

Kids anxious for spring. Kids wearing shorts and tee shirts on wintery windy days. What are they thinking? Why, warm weather might come. They don’t care whether they are dressed right for the weather. Typical kid conversation with mom: “Where are my summer clothes? It’s gonna be hot out.” Moms don’t fight it. They roll their eyes and say “Whatever”. (Just the way their kids say that word to them.)

Wandering from my house with the snow shovel by the steps, a spring wreath on the door and layers of clothing. Watching the middle school kids gather for the bus and seeing them trying not to give in to shivers. Their attitude is, “I’m cool!” Don’t you just know that they’re asking themselves whether they made a good weather decision. No, they’re just too “cool” for that!

No, it is not time for flip-flops..... and listen to your mother, whether you want to or not!

* Dedicated to a middle schooler seen on Walnut Ridge Drive walking to the bus stop wearing yellow shorts and a yellow T-shirt. Brave young man.



Spring Trivia Answer

Native to India and in cultivation for at least 3,000 years, the cucumber is nutritionally inert. In fact, you'd have to eat over 120 of them to get the vitamin-A found in one carrot! But being 96 percent water, the cucumber is, if nothing else, cool. So cool in fact, that in the mid-1600's, it was thought that lying on a bed of cucumbers would cure a fever. Hence the expression, cool as a cucumber. Source: [Home and Garden TV](#) .

WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

1337 Hazel Nut - \$225,000
 1357 Hazel Nut - \$225,000
 408 Peach - \$205,000

Average List Price—\$218,333



Recent Home Sales:

1384 Hazel Nut - \$240,000

Average Sales Price—\$240,000



Statistics courtesy of: Ziggi Nickel, Long & Foster Realtors 410-544-4000
 and taken from MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information Services)

Anne Arundel County offers permanent year-round collection of electronics at all Convenience Centers facilities at no charge. This service is provided during convenience center operating hours and is available to residential customers only. Accepted at the Convenience Centers are: CPUs, keyboards and mice, hard drives, printers, laptops, wires and power cords, circuit boards, monitors, surge protectors, copiers, VCRs, cell phones, pagers, telephones, computer speakers, and portable televisions (no console televisions) as well as batteries (rechargeable and Lithium ion).

**DID YOU KNOW....**

That our *Community Documents* are available on our website? Visit www.walnutridgeonline.org and click on Documents.

Remember,
Visitor parking spaces are just that—
For Visitors.

*ALMOND COOKIES***Ingredients:**

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Glaze

- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 4 to 5 teaspoons water

Sliced almonds

Directions:

Heat oven to 400°F. Combine all cookie ingredients in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Using a teaspoon, drop dough, 2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten balls to 1/4 inch thick with bottom of buttered glass dipped in sugar. Bake 7-9 minutes or until edges are very lightly browned. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to cooling rack. Cool completely. Combine all glaze ingredients *except* almonds in small bowl with wire whisk. Decorate cooled cookies with glaze and sliced almonds as desired.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AA County—Main Number.....	410-222-7000	
AA County FIRE—EMERGENCY	911	
AA County Fire —Non-Emergency.....	410-222-8300	
AA County POLICE—EMERGENCY	911	
AA County Police —Non-Emergency	410-222-8050	
AA County Health Nuisance Complaints	410-222-7364	
AA County Department of Public Works.....	410-222-7940	
AA County Department of Public Works/Waste Management	410-222-6100	
Animal Control (Animal Complaints : Strays, Barking, etc).....	410-222-8900	
Annapolis City POLICE	410-268-9000	
Anne Arundel Medical Center (HOSPITAL).....	443-481-1000	
BGE—All Calls	800-685-0123	
BGE—Report Power Outage	877-778-2222	
Broadneck Library	410-222-1905	
Broadstripe Cable (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300	
Bulk Item/Waste Removal	410-222-6104	
Cable—Broadstripe (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300	
Cable—Comcast Cable	800-266-2278	
Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department	410-757-3434	
Comcast Cable	800-266-2278	
CLT Utilities, Inc.	410-697-2026	
D.H. Bader Management Services	301-953-1955	Ext. 11
Department of Public Works.....	410-222-7940	
Department of Public Works/Waste Management.....	410-222-6100	
Environmental Health	410-222-7364	
Health Nuisance Complaints	410-222-7364	
J&W Utilities	410-827-8516	
Maryland State Police Headquarters	410-653-4200	
North County Towing	410-760-3332	
Post Office—Legion Avenue.....	410-573-0953	
Poison Control	800-492-2414	
Recycling & Yard Waste	410-222-6100	
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup).....	410-263-4019	
Towing—North County Towing	410-255-4494	
	or 410-573-1682	
Trash Pickup Problems	410-222-6104	
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144	
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water).....	410-222-8400	

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